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1. USIA and the Austrian Ministry for Trade and Reconstruction are negotiating for the transfer of certain USIA-controlled firms to Austrian ownership. These firms consist of those which USIA is operating at a loss and those which were 100 percent German-owned and formerly controlled by the Credit Anstalt. The firms named are Rax-Werk G.m.b.H. at Wiener-Neustadt, Wiener Brückenbau- und Eisenkonstruktionen A.G., Wiener Kabel-und Metallwerke A.G., and Steyr-Daimler-Puch A.G.
2. the reason for these nego- 50X1-HUM
tations is that the parties concerned believe the Occupying Powers do not intend to sign an Austrian State Treaty. USIA is therefore particularly interested in disposing of firms which do not show a profit.
3. USIA has directed C.P. Goerz G.m.b.H. to collect and hold ready for removal all drawings and experimental equipment formerly used by the Germans; the equipment includes bomb-sights and optical lathes.
4. C.P. Goerz had an order for 1,000 lenses for Eumig cameras, delivery to be made in December 1949. This order, however, has been cancelled, and C.P. Goerz has sold the special glass for the lenses to two representatives of the Hungarian optical industry.
5. Although C.P. Goerz appears to be selling its raw materials and refusing orders, as well as acting indecisively, it shows no evidences of planning to dismantle its factory equipment.

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